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Ashley High School

Class of 1959

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50th Reunion

June 16, 2009

Masonic Lodge Hall
Ashley IN

Ashley High School: A Brief History

The town of Ashley was plotted in 1892. The first school house was completed in December of 1892. It was an L-shaped two story, six room, red brick building with a central hall on each floor. A few years later two more rooms were added to make it a square building with eight rooms. The original staff consisted of the Superintendent, William May, and four grade teachers. Regular high school courses began in the fall of 1893 with a four-year curriculum. Ashley High School was commissioned in 1903

The first group of high school students completed the requirements in three years and became the first graduating class from AHS in 1896. Although they were several in number when they began, they dropped out one by one until only three remained. Anna Knox, Vantippa Ling, and Zetta may Cox received their diplomas on June 6, 1896 at the end of graduation exercises. Each class member was required to write, commit to memory, and recite without notes, an oration of no less than twenty minutes.

In 1919, the school, which had been used by the town only, was sold to Smithfield Township for $16,000 and children were brought in from the township's one-room rural schools.

A new high school building was completed in 1929, and was connected to the original building. It consisted of a large assembly room, library, five classrooms, restrooms, and office. There was no gymnasium at that time. Sporting events were contested at the town's Community Building. The original building was then used only for elementary school.

In 1956 a new building was connected to the 1929 building by a walkway on both the first and second floors. Vocational agriculture, vocational home economics, science, commerce, and music departments were all housed in the new school. A beautiful gymnasium complete with auditorium, locker rooms, and restrooms was also included.

Graduation exercises were held for 70 years until 1967, when the last class graduated from Ashley High School. The largest graduating classes were in 1965, and 1967 when 42 students graduated. The smallest graduating class came in 1902, when one student graduated. There was no graduating class in 1987.

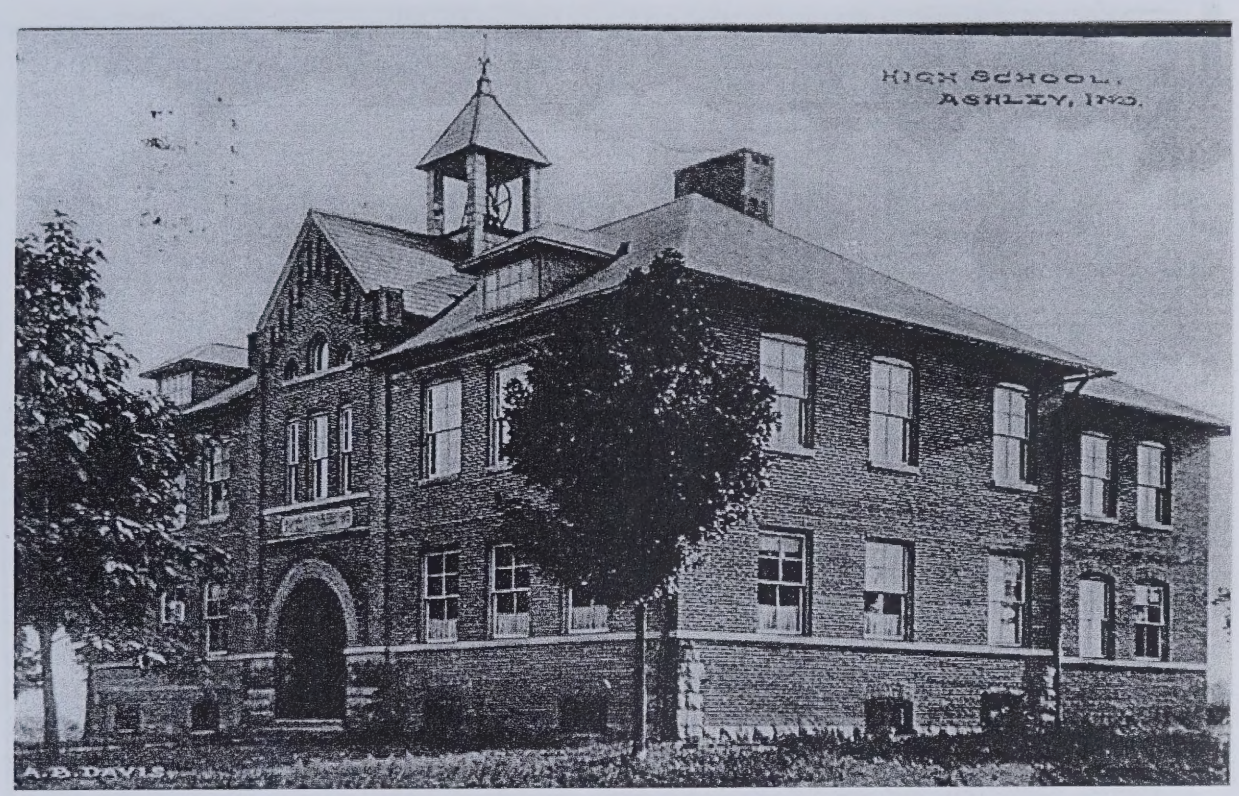
The new DeKalb Central High School was complete and ready for occupancy in the fall of 1967. All Ashley students in grades nine through twelve were taken to the new building, leaving kindergarten through eighth behind. The Ashley Junior High was operated until 1974, when the new DeKalb Middle School was opened. Ashley Elementary remained in the building.

In 1975, the 1893 building was torn down, and the 1929 and 1956 buildings were remodeled. Students from the town of Ashley, and Smithfield Township were brought to the school in grades kindergarten through fifth.

A new Country Meadows Elementary School was built south of Ashley, located on CR 10 and 23 and opened in 1997. Therefore, the old 1929 high school building was torn down in June-July 1999 leaving the 1956 section remaining. This is now used by the community in various ways

Only the old fashioned school bell was saved as a memento by the school system. (Those who attended the 40th reunion in 1999 received a rescued HS brick decorated by Barb Sweet Gordon.)

(Evening Star, yearbooks, postcards, and other sources)



Postcard depicting the first High School in Ashley, Indiana built in 1892.

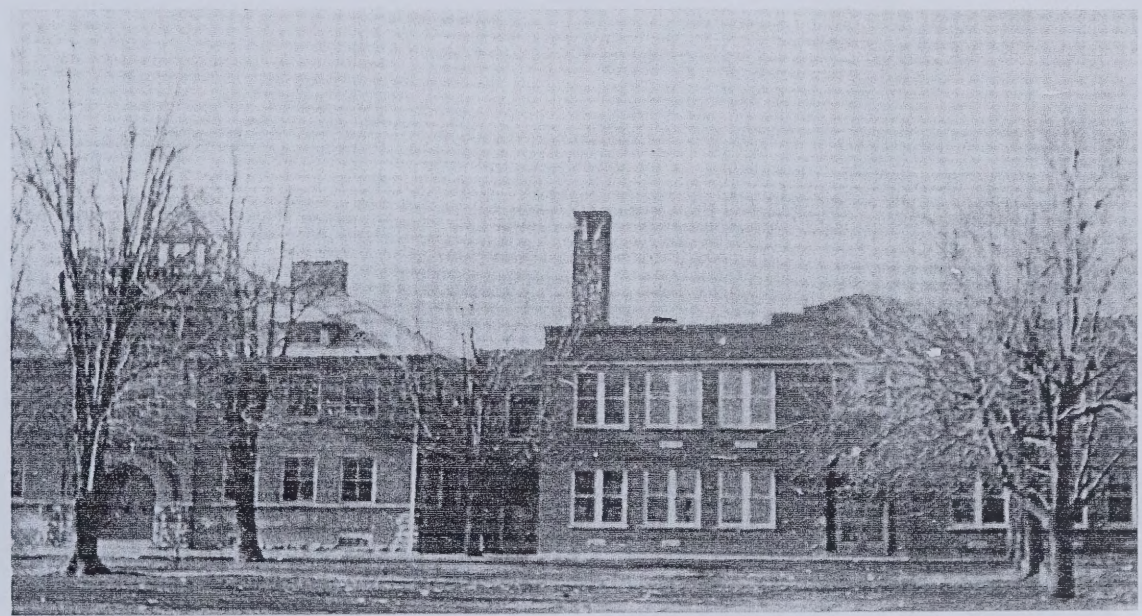


Photo taken from the 1957 yearbook depicting the 1892 building being used as the elementary school. The new high school was built in 1929 and was connected to the original building..

PARTIAL TEAR-DOWN — Demolition on the 1929 portion of the former Ashley school building began this week. The 1929 addition, on the east end of the building, once housed the lower grades. Renovation of the gymnasium and new classrooms will create a new community center, scheduled to be completed in February. The YMCA will occupy the gym and two classrooms with programs and day care, and the remaining space will be used by Ivy Tech adult classes, the Steuben County Literacy Coalition, and the Ashley police department and clerk-treasurer's office. (Star photo by Dean A. Orewiler)

Photo by Lina Zerkle — July 1999

First Grade

Row 1: Ronald Stahl, Paul Ankney, Leonard Myers, Max Schiffli, Ben Ellert, Bill Gaetz, Charles Bonbrade, Joyce Albright, Cynthia Allen

Row 2: Lina Hamman, L. Bridge (?), Martha Dilley, Martha Schiffli, Dixie Phillips, Norma Johnson, Sharon Forrest, Agnes Weisel, Deanna Buchs

Row 3: Mildred Wagner, teacher

Second Grade

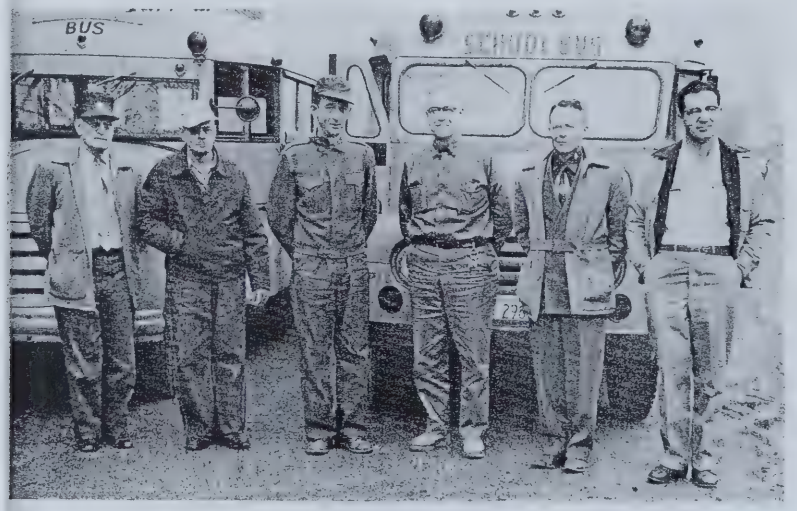
Row 1: Lina Hamman, Deanna Buchs, Cynthia Allen, Lynette Mais, Agnes Weisel, Joyce Albright, Martha Dilley, Dixie Phillips, Martha Schiffli, Sharon Forrest.

Row 2: Ben Ellert, Paul Ankney, Homer Shuckers, Ron Stahl, Miss Zimmerman, teacher, Bill Gaetz, James Weilbaker, Leonard Myers.

Third Grade

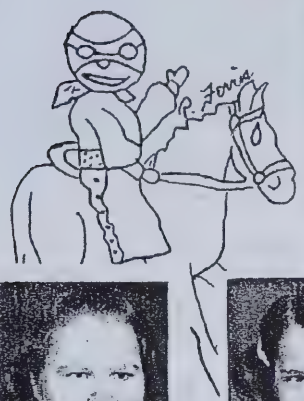
Row 1: Ben Ellert, Max Schiffli, Leonard Myers, Gene Noll, Bill Gaetz.
Row 2: Deanna Buchs, Ruth Ann McIntyre, Kay Bowers, James Weilbaker, Ron Stahl, Charles Bonbrake, Martha Schiffli, Joyce Albright.
Row 3: Lina Hamman, Agnes Weisel, Sharon Forrest, Norma Johnson, Virgilia Balso, Dixie Phillips, Patty Young, Lindy Wilhelm, Martha Dilley, Cynthia Allen.
Row 4: Opal Bowman, teacher

Our Buses and the Drivers



G. SHERWOOD, A. STUCK, J. WOLFE, C. SCHWEITZER, C. PARKER, G. REINOEHL

Fourth Grade 1951



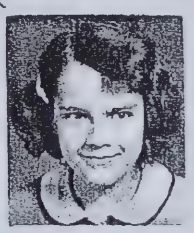
JOYCE ALBRIGHT

CYNTHIA ALLEN

...JL ANKNEY

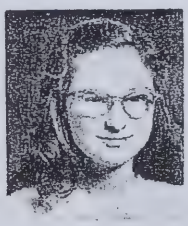
KAY BOWERS

DEANA BUCHS



MARTHA DILLEY

BENNY ELLERT



SHARON FORREST

BILLY GAETZ

LINA MAY HAMMAN

NORMA JOHNSON

JUDY LEPLEY

LYNETTA MAIS

RUTH McINTURF

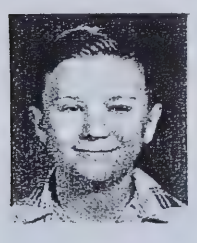
LEONARD MYERS

GENE NOLL

DIXIE PHILLIPS

MARTHA SCHIFFLI

MAX SCHIFFLI



RONALD STAHL

JAMES WEILBAKER

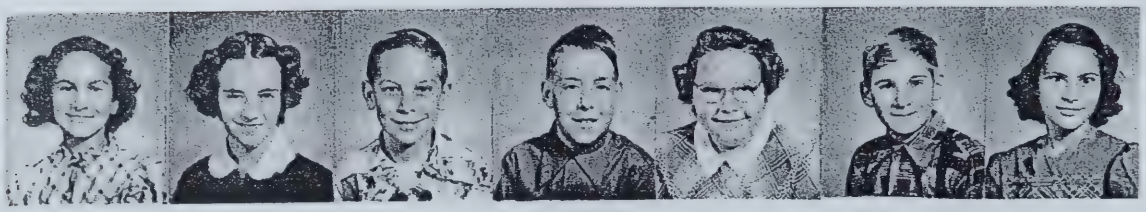
LUICLA WILHELM

AGNES WISEL

PATTI YOUNG

1952

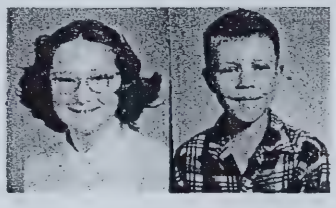
Fifth Grade



J. Albright C. Allen P. Ankey K. Bowers D. Buchs D. Denman R. Depew

MRS. MILDRED WAGONER
Hamilton, Indiana
Fremont High School
Tri-State College
Fifth Grade

M. Dilley B. Ellert



S. Forrest B. Gaetz

L. Hamman M. Healey D. Hennessey N. Johnson J. Lepley E. Long F. Long

S. Long L. Mais D. Myers L. Myers G. Noll D. Parr D. Phillips

D. Rinehold M. Schiffli M. Schiffli R. Stahl J. Weilbaker L. Wilhelm A. Wisel P. Young

Baccalaureate Program

Sunday, May 10, 1959 8:00 P. M.

[illegible] Mendelssohn
[illegible]

Invocation [illegible] Rev. Arthur Garrigus

[illegible]
[illegible]

Scripture [illegible] Gene Nol

Sermon [illegible]

"The Lord is My Shepherd" [illegible] Chorus

Benediction Rev. Arthur Garrigus

Commencement Program

Friday, May 15, 1959 8:00 P. M.

Prelude "Villa" [illegible] Lehar
Saxophone [illegible]
Carol [illegible] and Betty [illegible]

Invocation Rev. Arthur Garrigus

Salutatory Address [illegible]

Valedictory Address Dixie Phillips

"[illegible] To a Sleeping Child" [illegible]
Chorus

Introduction of Speaker Lena Mae Hamman

Address [illegible] Manchester College

"Andante Cantabile" Tschaikowsky
"[illegible]" [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Presentation of Diplomas [illegible]

Benediction [illegible] Arthur Garrigus

CLASS OFFICERS

[illegible]

CLASS OF 1959

[illegible]
Martha Catherine [illegible]
Charles Ervin Schurman
Ruth [illegible] Smith

POST GRADUATES

[illegible] Davis
Rosalie Dean [illegible]

CLASS COLORS

Blue and Silver

CLASS FLOWER

Gladiolus

CLASS MOTTO

[illegible]

FACULTY

[illegible]

25th Reunion
July 21 1984
Potawatomi Inn, Pokagon State Park, Angola, Ind.

Row 1: Leonard Myers, Paul Ankney, dale rinehold, Michael Healey, Linda Leas Snider, Carol Baird Beard, Julia Zonker Clark, Joyce Albright Stuckey, Martha Schiffli Conrad, Rosalie Baumgartner Bowerman, Patricia Young.
Row 2: Ruth Smith Little, Darrel Myers, Lynette Mais Barkholtz, Charles Schuman, Sharon Forrest Hantz, Lawrence Ulrich, Judy Lepley, Robert Strite, Deana Buch Stayner, Dale Mertz, Barbara Sweet Gordon, Lina Hamman Zerkle, William Gaetz, Nancy Grate Gaetz.

1984 Trivia

Ronald Reagan took a presidential trip to China and was re-elected in November.
Michael Jackson's album, *Thriller*, won Grammy award. Best record—*Beat It.*
First heart and liver transplant performed on six year old girl of Texas.
U.S.S.R. withdrew from the :Olympics.
40th Anniversary of D-Day.
U.S. Embassy in Beirut was bombed.
Donald Duck's 50th birthday.
Dr. Kathryn Sullivan became the first U.S. woman astronaut to walk in space.
The World Series was won by the Detroit Tigers.
Academy Award for outstanding motion picture—*Terms of Endearment.*
Mania for Cabbage Patch Dolls continued.

30th Reunion
July 15, 1989
St. James Restaurant, Avilla, Ind.

Row 1: Paul Ankney, Jerry Brand
Row 2: (seated): Nancy Gaetz, Lynette Barkholtz, Joyce Stuckey, Martha Conrad, Ruth Little.
Row 3: Barbara Gordon, Sharon Hantz, Rosalie Bowerman, Barbara Shaffer, Mike Healey, Judy Lepley, Lina Zerkle, Linda Snider, Dale Rinehold
Row 4: Fred Dodge, Bill Gaetz, Arthur McClish, Darrel Myers, Bob Strite, Dale Mertz, Charles Shuman

35th Reunion
July 1994
Heimach Center, Auburn, Ind.

NO PHOTO AVAILABLE

Attendees: NO LIST AVAILABLE

40th Reunion
July 1999
Auburn House, Auburn, Ind.

Row 1: Barbara Gordon, Lina Zerkle, Linda Snider, Judy Lepley
Row 2: Dale Rinehold, Lynette Hobbs, Nancy Gaetz, Sharon Hantz, Norma Malcolm, Julie Clark, Joyce Stuckey
Row 3: Larry Ulrich, Bill Gaetz, Robert Strite, Dale Mertz, Charles Shuman
(photo taken by Phil Snider)

Top Songs
1959

Mack The Knife — Bobby Darin
Venus — Frankie Avalon
Sleep Walk — Santo & Johnny
Mr. Blue — Fleetwoods
Donna — Ritchie Valens
My Happiness — Connie Frances

45th Reunion
July 2004
Maple Leaf Inn, Waterloo, Ind.

Row 1: Barbara Gordon, Nancy Gaetz, Linda Snider, Ruth Little, Barbara Shaffer, Dale Rinehold, Lina Zerkle, Sharon Hantz
Row 2: Bill Gaetz, Rosalie Bowerman, Charles Shuman, Bob Strite

1959 Trivia

Dwight D. Eisenhower was President. Richard Nixon was Vice-President.
Alaska was proclaimed the 49th state on Jan. 3rd.
Hawaii was admitted to the Union as the 50th state, Aug. 21
Two monkeys were launched into space by the U.S. Army from Cape Canaveral, Fla
The last Civil War veteran, Walter Williams, died in Houston, TX at age 117.

Biographical Sketch

Name: Joyce Albright Stuckey

Address: 1280 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, IN 46793

Phone: 260-837-7363

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Family information:

Spouse: Lowell
We will have been married 49 years in July.

Children: (3) Tammy & John Fink, Tracy & Matt Barse, Trent & Jennifer Stuckey

Grandchildren: (6) Lexy, Bayley, Ally and Grant Stuckey; Cammeron and Courtney Barse

What are some of your favorite high school memories?

Cheerleading, sock hops, skating parties at Silvermoon
Senior trip, good friends

Interests and Hobbies:

Spending time with family, especially the grandchildren. Church activities.
Playing golf, decorating, shopping

Biographical Sketch

Name: Paul Ankney

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Beaverton OR 97006

Phone: 503-502-0703

Email: skipperoo@juno.com

Family information:

Spouse:

Children: Leslie, 24; Philip, 20

Grandchildren:

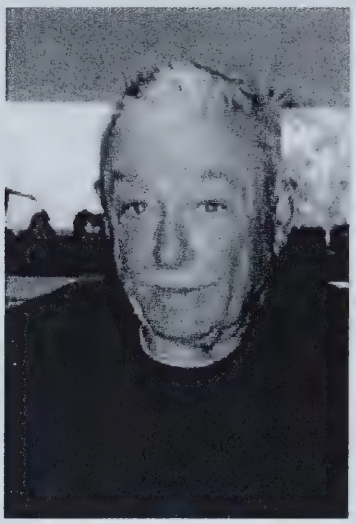
What are some of your favorite high school memories?

Cars, driving, basketball games, roller skating parties, ice skating

Interests and Hobbies:

Family, faith, church
Scripture distribution

Biographical Sketch



Name: Fred Dodge

Address: 4675 W 5005, Pleasant Lake, IN 46779

Phone: 260-475-5380

Email

Family information:

Spouse: None

Children: None

Grandchildren: None

What are some of your favorite high school memories?

Biographical Sketch

Name: Deana Buchs Stayner

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Family information:

Spouse: Nathan

Children: Terry Dirrim & Brent Dirrim

Grandchildren: Stasha (21), Shelby (16), Drake (17), Amanda (16), Emily (14)

What are some of your favorite high school memories?

We did have a good time!!
The Skating parties

Interests and Hobbies:

Grandchildren and travel
Collecting snowmen

Biographical Sketch

Name: Barbara Chavez Shaffer

Address: 6205 E 136th St.
Grandview, MO 64030
Phone:

Email: andante127@9mail.com

Family information:

Spouse: N/A

Children: Monty, Djuana, Dustin

Grandchildren: Travis, Taylor, Kassy

What are some of your favorite high school memories?

The plays, senior trip, basketball games, skating parties, friends.
Mr. Cooks stories of the Wild West.
Art class. 50's music.

Interests and Hobbies:

K.C Chiefs, cats, reading, my family
Collecting coins, stamps, gemstones & antiques

Biographical Sketch

Name: Rosalie Baumgardner Bowerman

Address: 7965 S Old 27, Ashley, IN 46705

Phone: 260-475-5224

Email: rosedb17@netzero.net

Family information:

Spouse: Deceased

Children: Joe & Clay Bowerman, Heidi Bidlack, Tina Lepper

Grandchildren: 13 and 3 1/2 great grandchildren

What are some of your favorite high school memories?

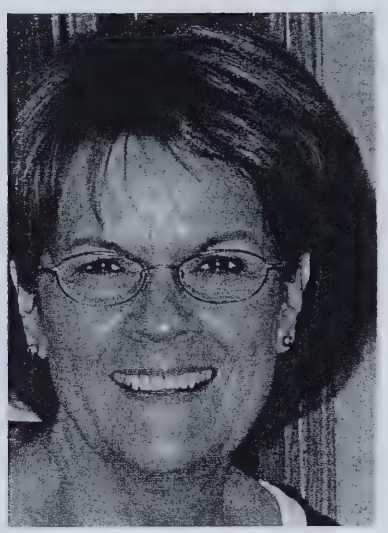
Basketball game were always fun, having sleepovers at someone's home. I remember our Jr.-Sr. trip when I was a Jr. What I appreciate most is that Fred Fredrick allowed me to go back to school in 1959 after I had quit in 1957; it made my life so much better.

Interests and Hobbies:

My church family and enjoying my children and grandchildren
Reading, Red Hat Ladies Club

Special Note: My husband passed away in Aug of 2002 from a cerebral hemorrhage. We were married 43 years. Just want to pass on some words of wisdom. Make the most of every moment, have no regrets, life is very short. I am trying to live those words. I keep very busy with my family, friends and church. I praise God that my health is still good. My mother still lives in the house I grew up in in Ashley. She turned 91 in Jan., so I guess I inherited longevity from her. She still mows her own yard and drives her car locally. God is good.
Rosalie

Biographical Sketch



Name: Martha Dilley Hancuff

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Phone: 360-5710-1279

Email: mjhancuff@msn.com

Family information:

Spouse: Jerry Hancuff

Children: Tony, Lori, Kristi

Grandchildren: Kristina, Meghan, Tyler, Lindsay, Nick, Paige, Bailey, Keeley, Riley, Joshua

What are some of your favorite high school memories?

Trip to New York and D.C., Basketball games, Jr. Sr. plays

Interests and Hobbies:

Church activities, grandchildren, caring for elderly
Gardening, reading

Biographical Sketch

Name: Jerry Brand

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Phone: 512-292-0820

Email: jbrand@mail.utexas.edu

Family information:

Spouse: Mary Lee

Children: 2

Grandchildren: 3

What are some of your favorite high school memories?

Wade Libey's shop class

Interests and Hobbies:

Work & work

Biographical Sketch

Name: Sharon Forrest Hantz

Address: 7205 S Old 27, Ashley, IN 46705

Phone: 260-475-5691

Email: shaforrest@msn.com

Family information:

Spouse: Don Hantz

Children: Eric (Rick), Steve

Grandchildren: Chris, Cody, Hunter, Cheyenne, Dustin

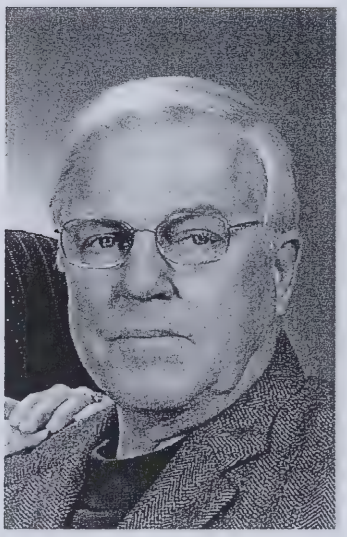
What are some of your favorite high school memories?

Friendships forever, tricks the guys played on me with my Dad's car, Jr. Sr. plays—mostly play practice

Interests and Hobbies:

Grandchildren, working
Bowling and vacations

Biographical Sketch



Name: William (Bill) Gaetz

Address: 6562 W State Rd #4, Ashley, IN 46705

Phone: 260-587-3897

Email

Family information:

Spouse: Nancy (Grate)

Children: 5 sons and a daughter

Grandchildren: 3 grandsons and 2 grand daughters

What are some of your favorite high school memories?

The cars we drove to school, high school basketball games

Interests and Hobbies:

Farming, tree planting care and care, winters in Florida
Fishing and boating on the Great Lakes, camping

Biographical Sketch

Name: Nancy Grate Gaetz

Address: 6562 W Sr 4, Ashley, IN 46705

Phone: 260-587-3897

Email

Family information:

Spouse: William Gaetz

Children: 5 sons and a daughter

Grandchildren: 3 grandsons and 2 grand daughters

What are some of your favorite high school memories?

Play practice for Jr & Sr. plays, Senior class trip, going to basketball games and sock hops

Interests and Hobbies:

Spending time with our family
Reading and camping

Biographical Sketch

Name: Lina Hamman Zerkle

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Phone: 260-837-6691

Email: lmzerkle@locl.net

Family information:

Spouse: Dwight Zerkle

Children: Eric Zerkle (& his wife Kathy)

Grandchildren: None

What are some of your favorite high school memories?

Mrs. Arney's Art and English classes. Getting my drivers license and tooling around in my Dad's 1956 dual exhaust Pontiac. Graduating.

Interests and Hobbies:

I'm still making and exhibiting my art in area galleries—fiberart, painting, etc. Several fiber wall hangings and several ceramic pots are in the permanent collection of the Midwest Museum of American Art, Elkhart, Ind.

I'm also involved in DeKalb County Historical Society and Museum as board member, museum worker, and a Society newsletter article contributor.
I continue to work on my genealogical research and compiling my family histories; enjoy reading good mysteries and thrillers; learning and playing the Mt. Dulcimer with husband, Dwight; taking jaunts to museums and other interesting places; keeping busy and enjoying retirement.

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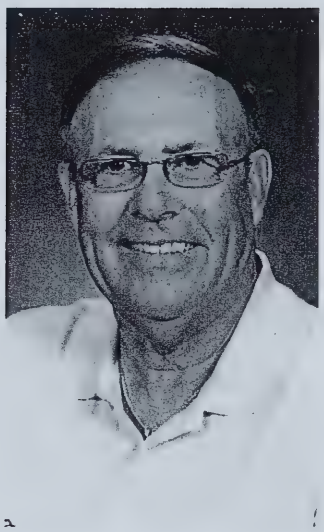

Name: Michael Healey

Address: 1820 S 485 E, LaGrange, IN 46761

Phone: 260-463-7504 or 463-1666

Email: carmik1820@aol.com

Family information:

Spouse: Carol

Children: Rhonda Blevins, Brian, Mark, Todd

Grandchildren: Danielle, Dristen, Kelsey, Carley Walker

What are some of your favorite high school memories?

Interests and Hobbies:

Fishing, helping the boys with their business, playing tournament shuffleboard in the winter in Florida

Biographical Sketch

Name: Norma Johnson Malcolm

Address: 2315 LaForge Lane, Auburn, IN 46706

Phone: 260-925-0591

Email: jamesmalcolm@sbcglobal.net

Family information:

Spouse: James

Children: (3) Jeff, Mary, Tracy

Grandchildren: (6) Drew, Kelsey, Lauren, Lillian, Maggie and Diego

What are some of your favorite high school memories?

I remember walking up to the town hall for gym class and going down to the basement for lunch. I'm glad that our class was as small as it was. I couldn't imagine going to a school the size they are now. I think it is great the girls today have the opportunities to participate in all sports.

Interests and Hobbies:

We travel every year and spend a few weeks in Texas during the Winter and volunteering.
Reading, gardening (flowers) and walking.
I love to be with our grandchildren and our families. I feel truly blessed.

Biographical Sketch

Name: Linda Lee Leas Snider

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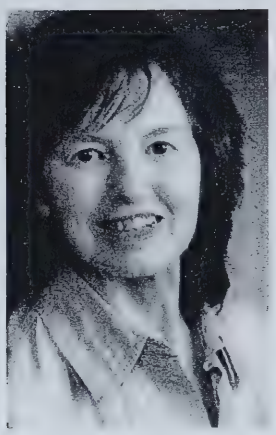


Family information:

Spouse: Philip Arnold snider
(This is our 45th wedding anniversary)

Children: Timothy, Rachel, Elizabeth and Matthew

Grandchildren: 16 (six are adopted) and 3 great grandchildren (Feel free to ask all about them!)

What are some of your favorite high school memories?

I remember Mrs. Soudah handed out band instruments by no other qualification than what the school needed. I was glad the science room was not quite finished one year because I was sure if I had to "dissect anything" I would faint or throw up or both! I enjoyed History, Literature and Spanish. My concern at commencement was I would fall up the steps in my long gown and heels. I did not dream my embarrassment would be Fred Frederick called out my Uncle Vance's name instead of my name. He mumbled something about there was so many Leas students anyway. I wonder was the school built around him.

Interests and Hobbies:

Interests: Learning Authority in Prayer. I am on the Warship Warrior team and Emergency Mission Pray-er Team at church. I am in a chair exercise class. Phil and I enjoy our grandkids. Both Phil and I keep alert about politics.
Hobbies: Family genealogy, reading, healthy cooking (and certain clearly unhealthy, but comfort foods!)

Biographical Sketch

Name: Judy Lepley Richey

Address: 116 Betz Rd., Betz Nursing Home, Auburn, IN 46706

Phone:

Email

Family information:

Spouse: died 10 years ago

Children: No

Grandchildren: No

What are some of your favorite high school memories?

Senior trip, work in cafeteria
When I was freshman, Janet, my sister, was a sophomore, Karen, my aunt was a junior. Sharon, my aunt was a senior. I graduated May 59, my kid sister started school, Sept 69.

Interests and Hobbies:

Search word puzzles

Biographical Sketch

Name: Lynette Mais Hobbs

Address: 5741 Westchase Dr, N. Richland Hills, TX 76180

Phone: 817-788-1131

Email: txhobbs@gbcglobal.net

Family information:

Spouse: Charles (Charlie)

Children: Elizabeth, Rebecca: Blayne, Wayde (Stepsons)

Grandchildren: Cameron, Peyton, Avery, Kathleen, Nathan

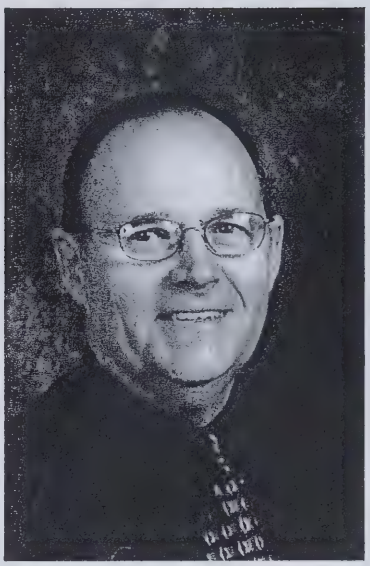
What are some of your favorite high school memories?

Class sweater & ring, skating parties at the Silver Moon, sock hops, basketball games and tournaments, campaign to raise money for Senior trip, Junior and Senior plays, Senior trip to New York and Pittsburg, Pa., & Washington D.C., graduating services, slumber parties, cruising 'round.

Interests and Hobbies:

Traveling, shopping, eating out, golfing, entertainment places, G-kids
Collect wind chimes and bird houses, yard and flower bed, work.

Biographical Sketch



Name: Dale Mertz

Address: 1051 S. 28th Street, Decatur, IN 46733

Phone: 260-728-2733

Email: dimertz@embarqmail.com

Family information:

Spouse: Lula

Children: Mark, Jana, Kent

Grandchildren: Lauren, John, Kyle

What are some of your favorite high school memories?

Science classes with Harold Arney. The classes were interesting and fun, and I though that Mr. Arney was a good teacher. He allowed us to discover on our own or work together.
Junior and Senior plays with Mrs. Arney. They were a hoot.
Study Hall with Miss Gfellers. My own personal journey in study hall at ole Ashley High
FFA trips to Canada. Many stories ad experiences in the woods of Canada.

Interests and Hobbies:

Interests: family, education, volunteer activities
Hobbies: reading, outdoor activities

After teaching high school for many years at South Adams High School, I retired in the spring of 2007.

Biographical Sketch

Name: Leonard Myers

No Current Photograph

Address: 1385 W 100 N, Angola, IN 46703

Phone:

E-mail:

Family information:

Spouse:

Children: (3) daughters: one in Tulsa, OK, one in Boston, Ma, One in Angola.

Grandchildren: 7 grandchildren

What are some of your favorite high school memories?

Interests and Hobbies:

My son-in-law and I fish the pro circuit with Walmart BFL for the last six years. I'm single for the last seven years. Time flies by very fast.

Biographical Sketch

Name: Martha Schiffli Conrad

Address: 1367 Co. Rd. 41, Waterloo, IN 46793

Phone: 260-837-8301

Email

Family information:

Spouse: Donald (married Sept 10, 1966 — 40 years)
Deceased Jan 4, 2007

Children: Lisa (38), Tina (37), Cheryl (34), Amy (32)

Grandchildren: Casandra, Alyssa, Makayla, Lincoln, Donovan, Mallory, Carleigh

What are some of your favorite high school memories?

Jr. & Sr. plays, sock hops in gym, cruising in Auburn around the square

Interests and Hobbies:

Still working fulltime
Eating out, grandkids, trips, garage sales

Biographical Sketch

Name: Charles Schuman

Address: 1831 CR 9, Corunna, IN 46730

Phone: 260-281-2386

Email

Family information:

Spouse: Ann (Biggerstaff) Shuman

Children: Dave, Brian

Grandchildren: Cody, Oliva, Evan, Aubree

What are some of your favorite high school memories?

Decorating the school

Interests and Hobbies:

Farming
Playing on the computer

Biographical Sketch

Name: Ruth Smith Little

Address: 339 W. Oak St., Butler, IN 46721

Phone: 260-858-4951

Email

Family information:

Spouse: deceased

Children: Don DeLong, Sam DeLong, Wendy Spryn, Cathy Todd

Grandchildren: Tim DeLong, Todd DeLong, Rolland Little, Chelsea Spryn, Hayden Spryn, Chancelor DeLong, Gage DeLong, Skyler Todd, Derek Todd, They Todd

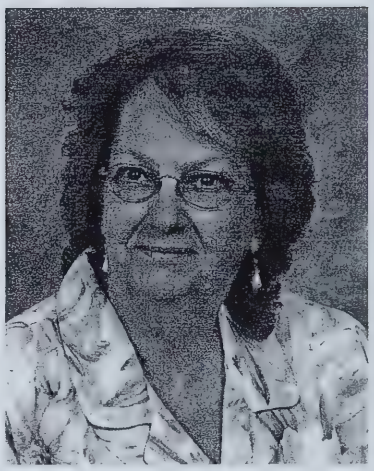
Great-grand daughter: McKenna Rose Little

What are some of your favorite high school memories?

Interests and Hobbies:

Cooking, baking, sewing, visiting my grandkids, quilting and any other kind of needlework

Biographical Sketch



Name: Elaine Sprankle Wilson

Address: 2715 Barth Ave. Indianapolis, IN 46203

Phone: 317-784-6416

Email

Family information:

Spouse: deceased

Children: Mark Wilson, Christopher Wilson-Karlson

Grandchildren: Klause Karlson (18), Anthony Wilson (11), Kaitlyn Wilson (8), Joanie Wilson (4), Baby on April 15th

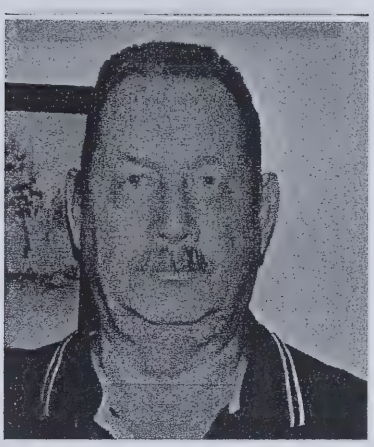
What are some of your favorite high school memories?

Participating in the school band

Interests and Hobbies:

Flower gardening, chairperson of Art and Environment Committee at church.
French and Indian War reenacting. Sewing 18th Century clothing for my family and myself.
Traveling in the West and being with my grandchildren.

Biographical Sketch



Name: Robert H. Strite

Address: 5273N Blue Lake Rd., Churubusco, IN 46723

Phone: 260-693-9552

Email: R9617S@verizon.net

Family information:

Spouse: Carolyn A.

Children: Kimberly, Mark, Diana, Erik

Grandchildren: Bryan, Robert, Ben, Jake, Nate, Jordan, Brandon
Great grand child: Justin

What are some of your favorite high school memories?

The sock hop where I first saw my wife. The week I skipped school in school (working on the new gym). Painting 1959 on the gym & carrying Patti up the stairs.

Interests and Hobbies:

Reading, softball, conservation, fishing

Biographical Sketch

Name: Barbara Sweet Gordon

Address: 556 Touring Drive, Auburn, Ind., 46706

Phone: 260-925-8655

Email

Family information:

Spouse: Tom Gordon

Children: (3) kids

Grandchildren: (6) grand, (1) greatgrand

What are some of your favorite high school memories?

Band; band trips to the fair, laughing; slumber parties; basketball games; Laughing (or did I say that already?); class parties, just being at school with everyone

Interests and Hobbies:

Tole painting; pulka music; Detroit Tiger Baseball, IU basketball
Active in Trinity Lutheran Church (Auburn)

Biographical Sketch

Name: Julia Zonker Clark

Address: 7700 S. Miller St., Hamilton, IN 46742

Phone: 260-288-2121

Email

Family information:

Spouse: deceased

Children: (3) 1 daughter, 2 sons

Grandchildren: (3) grand daughters

What are some of your favorite high school memories?

Enjoying my friends

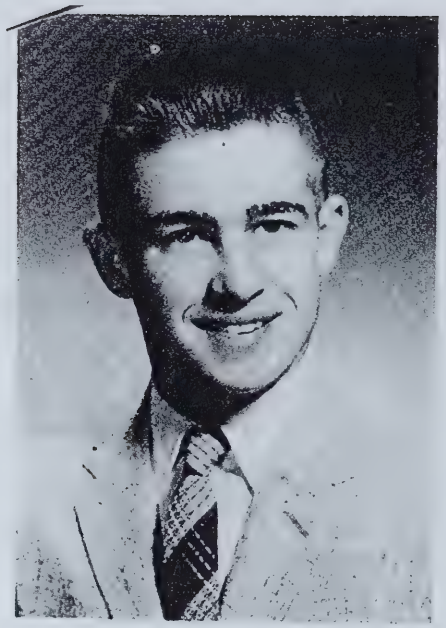
Interests and Hobbies:

Staying healthy, enjoying life
Gardening, walking, reading, shopping

Dale Rinehold

Deceased

B. 22 April 1941 — d. 6 March 2007



Dale Rinehold

Obituary: Evening Star, March 7, 2007

WATERLOO

Dale E. Rinehold, 65, of Waterloo died Tuesday, March 6, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Rinehold was the co-owner and operator of Rinehold Tack and Western Wear in Waterloo for the past 38 years. He was a lifetime farmer in Smithfield Township. He was a member of the DeKalb County Horseman's Association and the Indiana Haflinger Association. He also was a former DeKalb county 4-H leader and a member and the first president of the DeKalb county Horse and Pony club.

He was born April 22, 1941, in Auburn to Carl Ivan and Lorraine (Likes) Rinehold. They preceded him in death.

He married Jean Sebert on May 12, 1963, in Waterloo. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl and Brad Hamlin of Pleasant Lake; a son, Timothy L. Rinehold of Waterloo; a sister and brother-in-law, Sharon and Max Reinoehl of Ashley; a brother, Roger Rinehold; three grandchildren, Logan Rinehold, Josie Rinehold and Hunter Hamlin; and two stepgrandchildren, Heather Hamlin and Haley Hamlin

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St. Auburn. The Rev. Craig Buckholder and the Rev. Rex Charles will officiate.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn. Calling will be from 208 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memborials are to the DeKalb County 4-H.

Cynthia Allen Seater

Deceased

Feb. 1999

No obituary available

Cynthia Allen

Rosalie Treesh

Deceased

B. 7 July 1938 — d. 26 Sept 1981

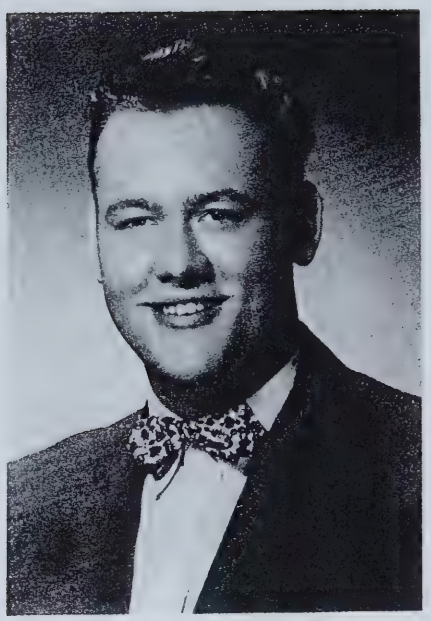
Obituary: None available

Rosalie Treesh

Darrel Myers

Deceased:

b. 20 July 1941 — d. 23 Dec. 1992



Darrel Myers

Obituary: Evening Star, Dec. 24, 1992, pg A10

ANGOLA

Darrel G. Myers, 51, died Wednesday at 12.35 p.m. in Cameron Hospital, Angola.

A resident of Holiday Woods, Angola, he worked for Lectron Products in Hamilton for eight years. He was a Vietnam veteran of the U.S. Army, and attended Angola Assembly of God Church.

Mr. Myers was born July 29, 1941 in Auburn to Hugh and Mazie (Brown) Myers. His mother survives in Waterloo and his father is deceased.

He married Nancy Brandon on June 7, 1969 in el Paso, Texas, and she survives.

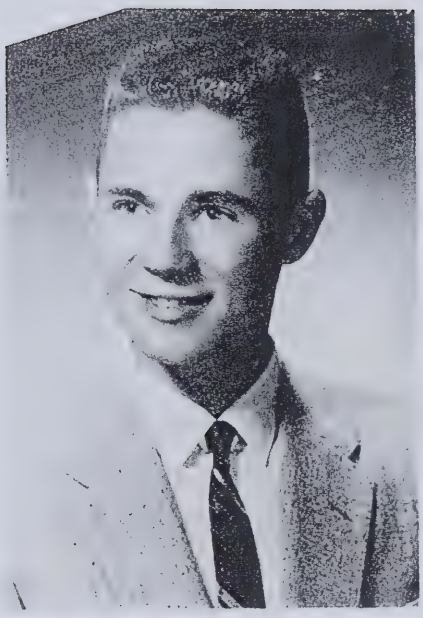
Also surviving are on eson, Ben of Angola: one daughter,Sarah Myers of Angola; one brother, Ethan of Waterloo; one sister, Nila clear of Waterloo; and two grandsons, Michael and Cody Myers of Angola.

Services Sat at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with pastors
Darold Beck and Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

James Weilbaker

Deceased

B. 24 Oct. 1941 — d. Dec 1983



James Weilbaker

Obituary: Evening Star, Dec. 6, 1983

CROWN POINT, Ind..

James E. Weilbaker, 42, died Monday in St. Anthony's Medical Clinic, Crown Point. He is the son of Mrs. Glenna Weilbaker, Ashley.

Mr. Weilbaker was an Associate of Willie Steiner, Inc., for 20 years. A graduate of Purdue University, he was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Crown Point, the Crown Point Civic club, the South Lake County Board of Realtors, and served on the Advisory panel to the Lake County Drainage Board.

Surviving in addition to his mother are: his wife, Anna Lee; four children; Ginger, Gary, Gina and Gail, all at home; a brother, John, Lafayette; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, George and Wilma Wolf of Waterloo; and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Serves in the Little Funeral Home, Crown Point, with Donald Weaver officiating. Bural will be in the Maplewood Cemetery.

Dixie Phillips

Deceased

B. Dec. 17, 1940 — d. May 5, 1961

Dixie Phillips

Obituary: Waterloo Press, May 11, 1961

PRIVATE FUNERAL SERVICE FOR AN ASHLEY GIRL, 20

Private funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Monday at the Swank funeral home at Ashley for Miss Dixie Ann Phillips, 20, daughter of Mr. And Mrs. Wiley Phillips of Rt. 1, Ashley.

H. Holzbauer, pastor of the Cedar Lake Church of Christ, of which the young woman was a member, officiated at the services and burial was in the Waterloo cemetery.

Miss Phillips, died at 4 p.m. Friday at Massachusetts General hospital at Boston from melanoma. She had been ill for the past year and entered the hospital six weeks ago.

She was born on Dec. 17, 1940, at the McCray Memorial hospital at Kendallville. She was a student at Valparaiso and was a member of the Cedar Lake Church of Christ, the Order of Eastern Star and the Sigma Theta sorority.

Surviving in addition to the parents are two sisters, Nancy Phillips, a student at Milligan College in Tennessee and Linda Phillips, at home; the maternal grandparents, Mr. And rs. Marion Clark of Marion , O., and the paternal grandparents, Mr. And Mrs. Lovi Phillips of Hickory, N.C.

FRED FREDERICK

Obituary

Fred Frederick Dies at 80

Fred Frederick, 80, retired teacher and principal at Ashley High School for 38 years, died Tuesday at 8:30 pm in his home at 407 E. Broad St, Angola.

Funeral services for Mr. Frederick were at 2 pm today in the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Rev. Doyle Pavy and Rev. Donald Jennings officiated. Burial was in Flint Cemetery, Flint, Ind.

Mr. Frederick was an educator for 51 years. He taught at Flint and Hudson schools and was principal at Hamilton High School for two years before coming to Ashley.

He was born Feb. 15, 1893 to Franklin and Jennie (Kimmel) Frederick in Hudson. He was member of the United Methodist Church, Angola. He was past president of the Indiana State District Teachers' Association, past president of the Retired Teachers' Association, past master of Ashley Masonic Lodge 614, past patron of the Ashley Order of Eastern Star, chapter 229, past president of the Lions Club, a member of the Scottish Rite and the American Legion.
Mr. Frederick, a World War veteran, also belonged to the Senior Citizens.

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Non-attending Classmates

Arthur McClish
Gene Noll
Eugene Potts
Patricia Young
Judy Richey
Wylene Davis
Charles Denman
Deana Stayner

Class Colors

Blue and Silver

Class Flower

Gladiolus

Class Motto

"Success comes in cans; I can, You can, We all can"

Who's the mysterious person behind the gorilla mask ?

Happy 50th Reunion!
AHS Class of 1959

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